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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : Proposed [ ] Clearance of External  
Research Projects (Social Sciences--  
Foreign Affairs or Foreign Areas)

1. The intent of the attached draft regulation is to provide policy and procedures whereby CIA will comply with the President's directive for policy clearance of certain external research through the Department of State. The draft has one fundamental weakness. The definition of external research, as given by the Department of State, does not make clear what research is to be submitted for clearance. Additional confusion arises because one provision implies that only research covered by the definition is to be submitted, while another provision implies that we must submit all projects if they involve foreign travel or contact with foreign nationals.

2. The draft has been discussed with its author, [ ] Chief, Research Staff, DD/I. He is aware that its provisions are nebulous. He has made a concerted effort to get the Department of State to clarify their requirements. They have been singularly unhelpful, and the prospects for obtaining more precise guidance are not good.

I feel that CIA should have a formal policy expression [ ] at compliance with the President's directive. I doubt if [ ] regulation better than the present draft can be produced in the [ ] absence of more specific guidance. In consideration of these factors, I recommend concurrence on the draft as presented.

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